

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 8/20/2014, 7:00pm CST
Meeting took place at neighbor, Brock Rule's residence at 5430 Main Street.

Main Street Traffic Calming discussion was the reason for this meeting location.

In attendance: Evan Stange, Jason Pryor, Kathy Arthur, Joe Grego, Jim Kraus, and Mario Vasquez.

7:00pm- In Terry Rodeghier's absence, the meeting was called to order by V.P. Jim Kraus.

7:02 Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mario Vasquez presented. As of July 31, 2014, we have \$81,000 in cash and receivables of \$21,000 (dues). July expenses were \$3,500 and included security expenses, administrative expenses and block parties.

7:06 Safety/Neighborhood Watch - Kathy Arthur informed us that there were 2 residential burglaries on 8/20/14 and numerous Car Break-In's in St. Teresa's parking lot in the morning of 8/21/14. One culprit has been apprehended, but there are others that fled. The message remains the same. Call 911 for ANYTHING that looks out of the ordinary. Be alert. Pay attention to your surroundings, and take steps to make yourself a difficult target.

7:12 Social/Communications – CountrySide Annual Picnic date is set for September 13, 2014 and will be held at Westover/Wyandotte Island. Dumpster Day at St. Teresa's is tentatively set for October 18th.

7:19 Development/Neighborhood Updates – 501c3 – Attorney and neighbor Mitch Burgess has offered to take on the task of setting up a CountrySide non-profit. This would allow interested parties to make tax deductible donations to CountrySide, facilitating the financing of potential neighborhood improvements, repairs, beautification efforts, etc...and at the same time prevents the co-mingling of funds allocated for specific purposes. This is a generous offer from Mitch and we're very thankful for his time and effort.

7:29 Old Business/New Business – The property on the NE corner of 55th & Wornall continues to be a neglected eye sore. Now under consideration is legal action against the owner, in an effort to either force him to sell the property or maintain it. Our Attorney/Neighbor, Mitch Burgess has again offered to begin this process, pro-bono, by drafting and sending a strongly written letter followed by a possible civil suit against the home owner, who actually resides across the state line in Kansas.

7:52 Main St. Traffic-calming Updates - \$75,000 in PIAC funds have been designated for Main St improvements. Wes Minder and Masood Alemifar have been assigned by the City as project managers. The traffic committee met with the project managers and arranged a subsequent meeting with representatives of Visitation Church/School on June 2 to discuss improvements recommended for Main Street near Visitation. Negative feedback was received from Visitation and nearby businesses. A decision was reached by the board to abandon the proposal for improvements between 51st and 52nd Street and to focus on improvements to Main Street between 52nd Street and 55th Street.

With this in mind, a presentation was made showing several of the recommended improvements. This improvements include Islands/Medians/Bump Outs on Main Street, beginning south of 52nd Street and extending to 55th Street. Positive discussion ensued and there was no objection from Main Street neighbors or anyone else that was present. A follow up meeting is being held at the KC Public Library on 8/28 to present plans to those that were unable to attend this meeting.

8:00pm Meeting Dismissed. Next meeting: September 17, 2014 at 7pm at Nick & Jake's on Main.